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Group Art Unit: 3745
Examiner: F. D. Lopez
Confirmation Number: 6461
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**LETTER OF RECORD
TO CORRECT THE LACK OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF RECEIPT OF THE CERTIFIED PRIORITY COPY
IN THE NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY**

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Sir:

Applicant wishes hereby to clarify the following discrepancy noted on the Notice Of Allowability dated 12 January 2006 in the referenced case:

The Notice Of Allowability does not indicate that the certified priority document copy was either received or not received.

Applicant filed a certified copy of Japan Patent Application 2003-096867 (filed 31 March 2003) with the United States Patent And Trademark Office concurrently with the filing of the referenced application on 12 March 2004. Applicant claims Convention priority under 35 USC §119 from Japan Patent Application 2003-096867.

The Patent Office acknowledged receipt of said certified priority copy via the return receipt postcard that accompanied the new application documents. The Patent Office also indicated, on the Office Action Summary dated 15 August 2005, that "[a]cknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f)" and that "[a]ll ... Certified copies of the priority documents have been received." This acknowledgement was not carried through to the Notice Of Allowability.

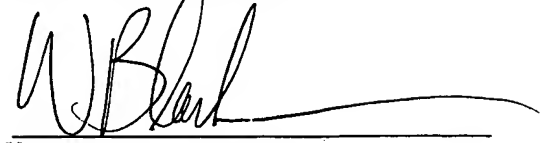
Applicant has filed the required certified priority document copy in support of its claim for

Convention Priority under 35 USC §119.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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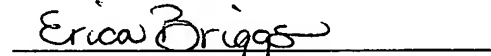
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LETTER OF RECORD
TO CLARIFY THE VARIOUS SPELLINGS OF
THE NAME OF INVENTOR MITSURU SAITO/SAITOU

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Sir:

Applicant wishes hereby to clarify the following discrepancy noted in the record for the referenced application:

(1) The first-named inventor, according to the typed documents filed in the application, is "Mitsuru **SAITOU**".

(2) As can be seen on the Declaration and the Assignment for the application, both dated 22 June 2004, the first-named inventor writes his name "Mitsuru **SAITO**", when called upon to provide his signature using the Roman alphabet.

In its original Japanese character writing, the inventor's name is consistent. The discrepancy arises due to changing standards in the phonetic translation of Japanese names and words to Roman alphabet equivalents. Some evidence of this variation can be seen on the attached copy of an article titled "Top 10 Japanese Surnames" (by Namiko Abe, About.com), where the name "Saito" is number 10 in both charts. The first chart shows the name "Saito" using Roman letters (called "romaji"); the second chart shows the name both in phonetic Japanese spelling (called "hiragana"), where it is "Sa-i-to-u", and in the traditional Japanese characters (called "kanji").


The different spellings of the first-named inventor's name in romaji merely represent a difference between the way the document-preparer practices the current standard in romaji use,

versus the way the inventor has accustomed himself to signing his name. There is no fraud and no attempt to deceive.

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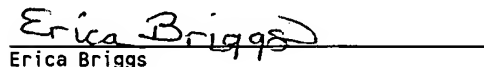
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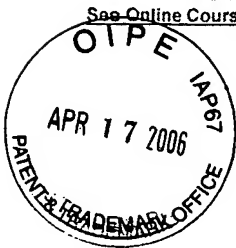
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1	Sato
2	Suzuki
3	Takahashi
4	Tanaka
5	Watanabe
6	Ito
7	Nakamura
8	Yamamoto
9	Kobayashi
10	Saito

HIRAGANA**KANJI**

さとう	佐藤
すずき	鈴木
たかはし	高橋
たなか	田中
わたなべ	渡辺
いとう	伊藤・伊東
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